

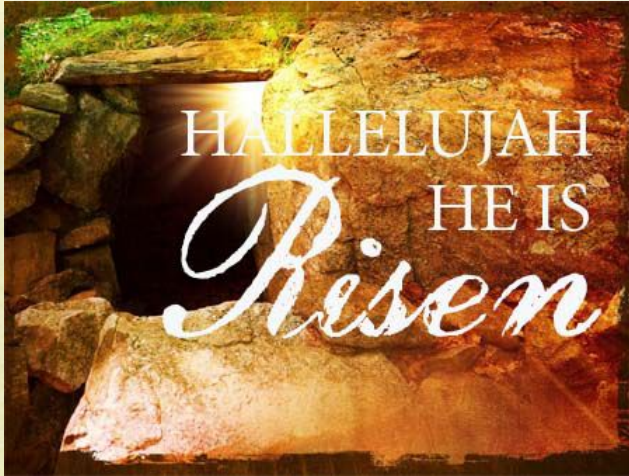


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19

Week Ending, March 26th, 2016



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship: Your pastor and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts for the Lord's Day, and praying for the worship of our God. Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing on preaching of word and fellowship!

Good Friday Service this Friday: KCPC will be hosting a joint worship and fellowship with Potomac Hills PCA this **Friday evening, March 25th at 7 pm.**

Locust Street Film Night for April: Come celebrate our 10th anniversary season on **April 15th at 6 pm.** We will be viewing and discussing Stanley Donen's ['Singin' in the Rain'](#) (1952).

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st

and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. **STARTING NEW BOOK ON DANIEL SOON.** Contact Margaret Biggs for more information, to order new book, or to join: missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net

KCPC Family Meeting on April 10th: Our next informal family meeting will be during Sunday School hour on April 10th. Bring your thoughts and questions to discuss.

Labor Day Family Camp at Machen Retreat: Make plans now to join Pastors Biggs and Flora for a wonderful time of teaching, prayer, fellowship, and refreshment on September 3-5. Theme: *Trinitarian Spirituality from the Gospel of John.*

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Visit our [KCPC blog](#) this week for **Good Friday/Easter Meditations!**

What is the Gospel meaning of "Good Friday"?

"[Sinner]: Give up all hope and despair of yourself; believe and acknowledge the righteousness of God who cannot forgive sin apart from *satisfaction* and the *bearing of punishment*. Keep your sins and the justice of God clearly in view, as well as your inability to satisfy this *justice*. Freely fear and tremble, but do not remain in such a condition nor end in it. Allow the terror of the Lord to move you to *faith*. Seek salvation in a way whereby *God's justice is satisfied*. Flee to the Lord Jesus as Surety [Mediator], receiving Him to your justification and sanctification. That is the only way by which you can be saved." – **Wilhelmus A' Brakel**

Good Friday:

"The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you...I have engraved you on the palms of my hands..."

- Isaiah 49:14-16a

From Your Pastor
Easter Meditation: John Calvin on Carrying Our Cross*

“The duty of believers is *‘to present their bodies to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him,’* and in this consists the lawful worship of God (Rom. 12:1). From this is derived the basis of the exhortation that *‘they be not conformed to the fashion of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of their minds, so that they may prove what is the will of God’* (Rom. 12:2). ...We are consecrated and dedicated to God in order that we may thereafter speak, meditate, and do, nothing except to His glory.

...*‘We are not our own’* (1 Cor. 6:19)...Let us therefore live for him and die for him. We are God’s; let his wisdom and will therefore rule all our actions. We are God’s; let all the parts of our life accordingly strive toward him as our only lawful goal (Rom. 14:8; cf. 1 Cor. 6:19). ...As self-interest is the pestilence that most effectively leads to our destruction, so the sole haven of salvation is to be wise in nothing and to will nothing through ourselves but to follow the leading of the Lord alone.

Let this therefore be the first step, that a man depart from himself in order that he may apply the whole force of his ability in the service of the Lord. I call ‘service’ not only what lies in obedience to God’s word but what turns the mind of man, empty of its own carnal sense, wholly to the bidding of God’s Spirit. ...Christian philosophy bids reason to give way to, submit and subject itself to, the Holy Spirit so that man himself may no longer live but hear Christ living and reigning within him (Gal. 2:20).

...Let us not seek the things that are ours but those which are of the Lord’s will and will serve to advance his glory. This is also evidence of great progress [in the Christian life]: that, almost forgetful of ourselves, surely subordinating our self-concern, we try faithfully to devote our zeal to God and his commandments. For when Scripture bids us leave off self-concern, it not only erases from our minds the yearning to possess, the desire for power, and the favor of men, but it also uproots ambition and all craving for human glory and other more secret plagues.

...Let each of Christ’s disciples bear his own cross (Matt. 16:24). For whomever the Lord has adopted and deemed worthy of his fellowship ought to prepare themselves for a hard, toilsome, and unquiet life, crammed with very many and various kinds of troubles. It is the Heavenly Father’s will thus to exercise them so as to put his own children to a definite test. Beginning with Christ, his first-born, he follows this plan with all his children. ...The apostle notes that it behooved him to ‘learn obedience through what he suffered’ (Heb. 5:8).

...Why should we exempt ourselves, therefore, from the condition to which Christ our Head had to submit, especially since he submitted to it for our sake to show us an example of patience in himself? Therefore, the apostle teaches that God has destined all his children to the end that they may be conformed to Christ (Rom. 8:29). ...In harsh and difficult conditions, regarded as adverse and evil, a great comfort comes to us: we share Christ’s sufferings in order that as he passed from a labyrinth of all evils into heavenly glory, we may in like manner be led through various tribulations to the same glory (Acts 14:22). ...The cross strikes at our perilous confidence in the flesh. It teaches us, thus humbled, to rest upon God alone...Thus humbled, we learn to call upon his power, which alone makes us stand fast under the weight of afflictions.”

* From Calvin’s *‘Institutes of the Christian Religion’* 3.7.1, 3.8.1

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

Saturday Evening:

*“...Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”*

- Isaiah 50:15

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Series: “Acts of the Exalted Lord Jesus”
Title: “Witnesses to the Resurrection”
- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 42-58
Scripture Texts: Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-3, 21-22, 2:29-36

Theme of Sermon/Worship: The good news of the resurrection of Jesus means that God the Father has purposed through His Spirit to give grace and glory to all who believe!

Thoughts and Meditations for Preparing Your Heart and Family for Worship:

- * **Children:** Read Luke 24:44-49. How are the resurrection of Jesus and the Spirit particularly related here? How do believers receive both grace and glory?
- * Jesus “presented Himself alive...after His suffering by many proofs” (Acts 1:3). What are some of the many proofs that are revealed in Holy Scripture?
- * What is the good news for believers (that is above and beyond what we could expect!) that the “Last Adam became a life-giving spirit” and “just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall bear the image of the man of heaven”? (1 Cor. 15:45, 49)?

Hymns

1. 277 - Christ the Lord is Risen Today
2. 275 - The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done
3. 261 - What Wondrous Love is This

Easter Sunday:

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

- Psalm 16:11